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In re Patent Application of:
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For: CHEMICAL CONVERSION COATING
AGENT AND SURFACE-TREATED METAL

Examiner: L. L. Zheng

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (IDS)

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the references listed on the attached PTO/SB/08. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the references be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

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The relevance of Citations BB, BD, and BH can be found in their attached English language abstracts. Also the relevance of Citation BI can be found in its attached English language abstract and in its attached full machine English language translation. The relevance of Citation BA can be found in Citation AA which is a counterpart application to Citation BA. The relevance of Citation BB can be found in Citation BC which is an International Phase of Citation BB. The relevance of Citation BD can be found in Citation BE which is an International Phase of Citation BD. The relevance of Citation BF can be found in Citation BG which is an International Phase of BF. The relevance of Citation BH can be found in Citation AB which is a National Phase of Citation BH. The relevance of Citation BI can be found in AC which claims priority

based on Citation BI. Citations BA, BB, BD, BF, BH, and BI are cited references in the third party Observation for one of the priority JP Application No. 2003-403691 (copy enclosed), which was received June 19, 2007. WO 03/074761 which is listed in the third party Observation was not cited in this IDS since it has already been submitted in a previous IDS of this case.

This Information Disclosure Statement is filed after the mailing date of a First Office Action but before the mailing date of a Final Office Action or Notice of Allowance, or other action that otherwise closes prosecution (37 CFR 1.97(c)).

Applicant(s) hereby petition(s) that the Information Disclosure Statement be considered.

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2)(ii), Applicant has not submitted copies of U.S. patents and U.S. patent applications. Applicant submits herewith copies of foreign patents and non-patent literature in accordance with 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2).

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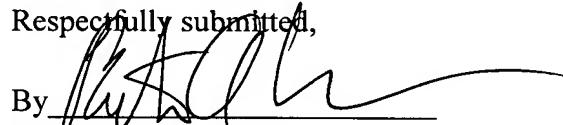
It is submitted that the Information Disclosure Statement is in compliance with 37 CFR 1.98 and the Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the listed references.

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